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Unified State Plan and Oncourse

The meeting of a focus group of Unified State Plan stakeholders was held on April 11th and was a great success! At this meeting, strategic goal statements and objectives were developed for each of the issue areas within the categories of Education, Citizenship and Community Development. We look forward to continuing to develop the plan and appreciate all the great input and energy that folks have put forth to ensure the success of our efforts! Please take a moment to view the updated information through Oncourse via the website www.oncourse.iu.edu and share your thoughts. If you have problems accessing the website, please contact Amber Roos at ICCSV or Michelle Tramm at IUPUI, her number is 317-278-3637.

ICCSV Board Meeting May 9th

Commissioner Finis Springer will be hosting the ICCSV Board Meeting on May 9, 2002. The meeting will be held at the Carmel Learning Center. The ICCSV has invited the 21st Century Scholars program and the Northwest Indiana Literacy Corps program to participate in the board meeting and give the board members information on their programs' initiatives. We have much to discuss at this board meeting including a formal presentation of the selection of new competitive and renewals for 2002-2003, discussion of the website and other marketing materials. If you have questions regarding the location or time of the board meeting or committee meetings, please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503.

Join Hands Day

Join Hands Day is a national effort designed to establish ties between youth and adults in local communities with the focus on creating a service project that benefits the community. The Southeast Neighborhood Development Corporation (SEND), located in Indianapolis, in partnership with the ICCSV will host a Join Hands Day project on Saturday, June 15, 2002. The ICCSV invites individuals to join them in assisting SEND with several neighborhood beautification projects. If your community is interested in conducting a Join Hands Day project, please contact Carey W. Craig at 317-232-2504 or by e-mail at ccraig@dwd.state.in.us. Please look for additional details in the next edition of the Friday Night Fax.

Indiana AmeriCorps Summer Celebration is June 26 – 28, 2002

The Indiana AmeriCorps 2002 Summer Celebration is scheduled for June 26-28, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville, Indiana. This event is a year-end celebration for the AmeriCorps members who have completed their term of service. The 3-day event will offer training sessions in the areas of Communication, Diversity, Work Styles, Asset Based Community Development, HIV/Aids, Resumes/Interview Skills, Use of the Education Award and Taxation, and, Importance of Civic Responsibility. Members will also have an opportunity to make an impact in the Lake County community by completing service projects at several social service agencies. If you have any ideas, thoughts or suggestions, please contact Karyn Romer at 317-233-0901 or toll free at 888-335-9490 or by e-mail at Kromer@dwd.state.in.us.

National Youth Summit

The United States Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with other federal agencies and national youth organizations, is sponsoring a National Youth Summit in Washington, D.C. The Summit will commence on Wednesday, June 26 and will conclude on Friday, June 28, 2002. The Indiana Youth Commission for Service and Leadership (IYCSL) has been invited to present on the topic "Redefining the Village: Building Youth Leadership through Service-Learning." For more information about the National Summit, please visit the web site at <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/fysb/summit.html>.

Success of Call to Action Conference

The 2002 Call to Action Conference was held on April 5-6 in Indianapolis at the Holiday Inn by the Pyramids and was a huge success. Approximately 225 AmeriCorps State, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, VISTA's, RSVPs and program staff attended the event. The focus of the member sessions were on national service and national security as it relates to civic engagement and faith-based initiatives. Speakers included the Honorable David Shaheed, Magistrate, Marion County Superior Court; Sarge Vischer, Chief of Staff, Office of Congresswoman Julia Carson; Tom Sugar, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Evan Bayh; Steve Robertson, Director, State Emergency Management Agency; Phil McCormick, Deputy Director, Indiana Counter-Terrorism and Security Council; Sheila Kennedy, Assistant Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, IUPUI; Rev. Doug Hairston, Community Services Director, Ten Point Coalition; Fred Frank, Corporation for National and Community Service; and, Nikki Eason, Former AmeriCorps member and current AmeriCorps Program Director.

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Faith and Communities Engaged in Service (FACES)

The ICCSV was one of twelve state commissions to be chosen for the Faith and Communities Engaged in Service (FACES) research initiative. Joe Smith and Lynn Coleman represented the ICCSV at the conference held in Jackson, Mississippi April 25 – 27th, which was sponsored by the National Crime Prevention Center (NCPC). The center was awarded a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to study how small faith based organizations and small community based organizations can access available government funding including utilizing AmeriCorps resources. A report of findings will be sent to CNCS and the President this fall. While at the conference, the Indiana team successfully presented on the FaithWorks Indiana program, an initiative established in 1999 by Governor Frank O'Bannon and the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. For more information on FaithWorks Indiana please visit their web site at www.IN.gov/faithworks.

Step into the Future – with Indiana 2016 – at the State Fair

If you've ever speculated what Indiana will be like on the state's 200th birthday in 2016, you'll enjoy working at the Indiana 2016 booth at the State Fair. Representatives from the Indiana Space Consortium, universities and high schools around the state will demonstrate their cutting edge developments—from robots to moon buggies, from computers to Rube Goldberg machines—in the "Made in Indiana" section of the Expo Hall August 7 – 18 this year. Universities participating include Purdue, IUPUI, Taylor University, Notre Dame, ISU, University of Evansville and IU School of Medicine. Perry Meridian, Kokomo, West Lafayette, Russiaville and Carmel will be among the high schools represented. Plan to attend, get a taste of Hoosier inventiveness and find out what's going on in communities around the state! Spaces for volunteers is limited, so please contact Amber Roos at 317-233-0901 or via email at aroos@dwd.state.in.us as soon as possible to sign up!

Indianapolis Art Center – Volunteers Needed!

The Indianapolis Art Center is looking for volunteers to work with our summer arts camp during the months of June and July. The Art Center is in need of someone with medical or nursing training to work with the children who get hurt or children who are not feeling well during the course of the day. Volunteers would serve the following shifts, Tuesday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Free parking is provided and each volunteer earns discounts on classes at the Art Center. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact Annie Beck at 317-255-2464, ext. 222.

Perry Meridian High School Receives National Recognition

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) recognized sixteen schools nationally for their outstanding presence in the area of service learning. Perry Meridian, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, was named one the sixteen national Service-Learning Leader Schools because it has successfully made community service a core part of its curriculum. There are currently 39 service-learning programs in 13 different departments within Perry Meridian's curricula. For a complete list of the Leaders Schools or more information about Perry Meridian High School, please visit www.leaderschools.org.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

AmeriCorps Promise Fellow RFP Available (www.IN.gov/iccsv)	May 10, 2002
Promise Fellow Conference Call	May 17, 2002
Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service	June 9 – 12, 2002
Join Hands Day	June 15, 2002
Summer Celebration	June 26 – 28, 2002
National Youth Summit	June 26 – 28, 2002